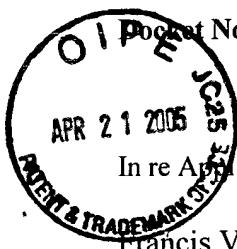


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For: DRY POWDER INHALER EXCIPIENT, PROCESS FOR ITS PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING IT

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 6, 2004, reconsideration is respectfully requested.